



February 24, 2022

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United States District Court Western District of New York
100 State Street
Rochester, New York 14614
Attention: The Honorable Judge David G. Larimer

RE: Van Bortel, et al v. Ford Motor Company
Case Number: 21-cv-06739 (DGL)

Dear Justice Larimer,

This office represents Mary Catherine Van Bortel a/k/a Kitty Van Bortel and Howard G. Van Bortel, the plaintiffs in the above-referenced matter. Please permit this to serve as a joint correspondence on behalf of both parties.

This matter was removed to this Court on December 13, 2021 (Docket #1), and Defendant's time to respond to the Amended Complaint was extended, on consent, to February 3, 2022 (Docket #5). Thereafter, Counsel for Ford filed a Pre-Answer motion to dismiss (Docket #8). The Parties, on consent of all counsel, respectfully request to revise the current briefing schedule for said motion, as follows:

- a) Plaintiffs' opposition to be filed by March 14, 2022; and
- b) Defendant's Reply Brief to be filed by March 28, 2022.

Counsel for Ford also respectfully requests oral argument on a date to be set by the Court.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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